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TABLE V.—*Same experiment in dry bath at 60° C.*

Material.	After how many minutes action of dry air at 60°. ·												
	0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	180
Silk thread.....	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Letter paper.....	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Filter paper	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Linen.....	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cloth.....	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE VI.—*Same experiment in dry bath at 80° C.*

Material.	After how many minutes action of dry air at 80° C.												
	0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	180
Silk thread.....	x												
Letter paper.....	x												
Filter paper.....	x												
Linen.....	x												
Cloth.....	x												

Further, pieces of filtering paper of about 1 cm. wide and 4 cm. long were smeared with the organs of the white mice that had perished from the injection of the suspension of bacillus pestis. These pieces of filtering paper were put between sheets of folded letter paper; this paper was placed in an envelope of stout paper and the latter placed in a thick book. The book was placed in a dry bath at a temperature of 60° C. The growth was stopped after two hours. In a dry bath at a temperature of 80° C. the growth was stopped in eighty minutes.

The growth kept on for forty-eight days in room temperature. Under the influence of formalin steam, the growth was stopped in thirty minutes.

SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Sanitary report from Belize.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *September 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the health condition of Belize as very good, there is no infectious or contagious disease in Belize or near surrounding colony. The steamship *Managua* sailed this a. m. for Mobile with 6 passengers, all in good health. The steamship *Breakwater* sails this p. m. for New Orleans with 2 passengers. Both steamers have complied with the regulations governing vessels engaged in tropical fruit trade.

Respectfully, yours,

C. W. KNIGHT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

List of deaths registered in the town of Belize from the 25th instant to date.

BELIZE, August 31, 1899.

Certified by medical practitioner—		
Chronic interstitial nephritis.....	1	
Dysentery.....	1	
Heart failure.....	1	
Morbus cordis.....	1	
Phthisis pulmonalis.....	1	
Certified by district commissioner or police.....	0	
Certified by coroner.....	0	
Uncertified.....	0	
Total.....	5	

A. K. YOUNG,
Registrar-General.*Vessels sailing from Belize during August, 1899.*

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, September 1, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the month of August of vessels sailing from this port to the United States ports: August 2, Steamship *Sargassa* for Norfolk, Va. August 4, Steamship *Breakwater* for New Orleans, La.; Steamship *Managua* for Mobile, Ala. August 11, Steamship *Stillwater* for New Orleans, La.; Schooner *Margaret S. Smith* for Mobile, Ala. August 18, Steamship *Breakwater* for New Orleans, La.; Steamship *Managua* for Mobile, Ala. August 24, Steamship *Speroid* for Norfolk, Va. August 25, Steamship *Stillwater* for New Orleans, La. August 31, Steamship *Themis* for New York, N. Y.

Respectfully, yours,

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COLOMBIA.

Sanitary report from Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, August 27, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, August 26, 1899.

The following vessels have been inspected and cleared during the week:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers.	Destination.
Aug. 20	Baracoa.....	Liothun.....	15	0	Mobile.
Do.....	Colombia.....	Berg.....	18	0	New Orleans.
Aug. 23	Yumuri.....	Boe.....	16	2	Mobile.
Do.....	Espana.....	Danielsen.....	14	0	Do.
Aug. 24	Dudley.....	Eriksen.....	20	0	Do.

The health conditions of this port and the adjacent country continue satisfactory. Heavy rains during the week have replenished the supply of drinking water.

On some of the plantations where virgin lands are being cleared malarial fevers are on the increase. In one section, particularly where